GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2441
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TRANSFER OF LAND IN SCHEDULED AREAS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any requests from the Members of Parliament or social organisations regarding transfer of land in scheduled areas and handing over the tribal land, illegally acquired by non-tribal people back to the actual owner of the land immediately and also allow the landless labourers to establish their own organization in order to protect their interests;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a)&(b) No such requests have been received by the Ministry of RuralDevelopment from the Members of Parliament or social organisations regarding transfer of land in scheduled areas and handing over the tribal land, illegally acquired by non-tribal people back to the actual owner of the land immediately and also allow the landless labourers to establish their own organization in order to protect their interests.

(c)&(d) The land and its management is the responsibility of the respective State Governments as provided in Entry No. 18, List II - State List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.The Central Government playsan advisory and coordinating role in this regard. However, the issue relating to restoration of alienated land to the tribals has been discussed at various fora including Revenue Secretaries/Ministers Conferences.The recommendations of such conferences are forwarded to the respective State Governments for appropriate action in the matter.